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## Southside Initiative Expansion Area

### Annexation Service Plan

Case Name: Southside Initiative Expansion Annexation Area

Date: June 2, 2005

### Introduction

The City ("City") of San Antonio, Texas, is making this Service Plan ("Plan") available pursuant to Chapter 43 of the Texas Local Government Code. This Plan relates to the annexation to the City of a tract of land ("annexation area") known as the Southside Initiative Expansion Area annexation area. The annexation area is located in south Bexar County extending from the southern limited purpose city limits of the City of San Antonio, southerly and along the western right-of-way line of State HWY 16 to a southern boundary extending easterly following the southern right-of-way line of S Loop 1604 W for an approximate distance of 1.6 miles, and then parallel to S Loop 1604 W as defined by the Texas Department of Transportation, for an approximate distance of 3.25 miles to the eastern boundaries of and including the Galvan and Duran tracts; thence northeasterly to the eastern right-of-way line of Pleasanton Rd continuing northeasterly along said right-of-way to the limited purpose city limits of the City of San Antonio; the area being generally between State Hwy 16 and Pleasanton Rd.

The area covers approximately 4,080 acres.

The annexation area is predominantly comprised of farm and agricultural land with some public institutional land. Residential and commercial development is limited and primarily located along SH 16 and Pleasanton Road. The area is located in Bexar County, Texas. The annexation area is also shown on the map in Exhibit A.

**The Southside Initiative Expansion Area.** The annexation area is included in the City of San Antonio's Municipal Annexation Plan amended on July 22, 2004 and was annexed for "limited purposes" effective August 1, 2004. According to the plan, the Southside Initiative Expansion Area is scheduled for "full purpose" annexation effective before the end of July 31, 2007. This is in accordance with state law provisions, that property will be eligible for annexation under the Three-Year Plan after the third anniversary of the amendment to the Plan. However, the particular property may be removed from the Plan or annexed under other provisions of Chapter 43.

### Effective Term

This Plan shall be in effect for a ten-year period commencing on the effective date of the annexation, unless otherwise stated in this Plan. Renewal of the Plan shall be at the option of the City. Such option may be exercised by the adoption of an ordinance by the

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City Council, which refers to this Plan and specifically renews this Plan for a stated period of time. Residents of the annexation area may request extension of the service plan, and the plan may be extended upon the mutual agreement of the City and the residents.

## **Intent**

It is the intent of the City of San Antonio that services under this Plan shall provide full municipal services as required and defined by the Texas Local Government Code.

The City reserves the right guaranteed to it by the Texas Local Government Code, to amend this Plan if the City Council determines that changed conditions or subsequent occurrence or any other legally sufficient circumstances exist under the Local Government Code, or other Texas laws to make this Plan unworkable or obsolete or unlawful.

## **Statutory notification**

The City will post a notice of public hearings on the City's Internet website and publish notice of the hearings in a newspaper of general circulation and the area proposed for annexation. (Sec. 43.056 (c), Texas Local Government Code.)

## **Service Components**

In General. This Plan includes three service components: **(1) Annexation Service Requirements (2) Additional Services, and (3) a Capital Improvement Program.**

As used in this Plan, providing services includes having services provided by any method or means by which the City extends municipal services to any other area of the City. This may include causing or allowing private utilities, governmental entities and other public and private non-profit service organizations to provide such services by contract in whole or in part. It may also include separate agreements with associations or similar entities.

### **1. Annexation Service Requirements**

The following services will be provided in the annexation area commencing on the effective date of the annexation, unless otherwise noted.

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## Police Protection

The San Antonio Police Department ("SAPD") will provide protection and law enforcement services in the new area upon the effective date of annexation. These services include:

- Routine patrols and responses;
- Handling of complaints and incident reports;
- Special units, such as traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, covert operations, K-9 Unit, Family Assistance Crisis Teams, Bomb Squad, and Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT);
- Any other services or programs provided to the citizens of San Antonio at the time of annexation.

The newly annexed area will either become a new patrol district or part of an existing one based upon factors such as the size of the area, population, and the expected number of calls for service. These factors will also determine the need for hiring additional patrol officers to insure all patrol districts are adequately staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and to maintain an average response time comparable to other areas of the city. SAPD SAFTE officers will be available to meet with residents as requested to discuss police issues in the neighborhoods.

The City currently has six (6) Police Substations. Each Substation is responsible for a Patrol "Service Area", under the command of a Captain. These Service Areas are divided into Patrol Sections. The Patrol Sections, with supervisory responsibilities assigned to Sergeants, are divided into "Patrol Districts". The "Patrol Districts" are geographically defined areas established for several reasons, including but not limited to:

- They serve as a manpower distribution tool based on call volume, population, area size, and geographic variables.
- They provide a means of establishing primary responsibility to individual officers, during their tour of duty, for various activities within a specific geographic area.
- They provide an efficient and effective means of assigning, identifying, and locating officers, within a generalized area, using currently available technology

The Southside Initiative Expansion Area will be served by the South Patrol Substation, 711 W. Mayfield. Fourteen Patrol Districts currently serve the area. This Substation currently has 121 Patrol Officers, nine Property Crimes Detectives, four Robbery Detectives and 14 SAFTE Officers.

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Southside Initiative Expansion Area will become part of new patrol district #6180.

There is no specific number of officers that can be assigned to a patrol district. Patrol districts are staffed with at least one officer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Many times multiple officers are assigned to single districts.

Services are initiated by on-sight officer activity, citizen requests, and any other means available. The most common means by which officers receive their assignments is through direct supervisory command and radio/computer transmissions by police dispatchers.

## Fire Protection

In the Fire Suppression Division, the Department currently operates 67 fire apparatus out of 48 facilities. This equipment is staffed with firefighters 24 hours a day. The Ladder Trucks (19) are maintained with 4 persons on a daily basis. The pumpers (48) are maintained with 4 persons on a minimum of 40 of the 48 units per day. Firefighters work a 24-hour shift every three days.

The San Antonio Fire Department will be providing permanent fire protection from Station #2 at 601 Gillette.

The facility houses a pumper company and a peak EMS unit. It will provide fire suppression, first responder, and EMS services to this area with permanently assigned personnel and equipment. The Fire Company will respond to calls for assistance, fire emergencies and provide other services as needed. Additional primary response will be provided by Fire Station #25 at 2242 West Southcross and Fire Station #22 at 1100 March.

The goal of the Fire Department for fire station location is to have the first responding fire unit no further than 4 and one quarter minutes away from 90% of all city blocks. Currently, we are reaching the 87.2% of all city blocks in that time frame.

### Structure Fire Response:

When a fire occurs, the Fire Department has several levels of response based on the structure's hazard. The standard response is 3 pumpers, 1 ladder truck and 1 command officer.

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High hazard occupancies such as a hospital or high-rise would receive an enhanced response that consists of 4 pumpers, 2 ladder trucks and a command officer. As the need arises on any incident, additional units and command officers may be called for. Additional alarms consist of 4 pumpers, 2 ladder trucks and a command officer.

As fire units become depleted in a particular area due to a large number of calls or a large incident, the SAFD dispatch will move units from other areas into those areas. This strategy utilizes the total resources of the department to maintain a reasonable response at all times.

## Emergency Medical Service (EMS)

EMS for the City of San Antonio will replace the current provider of emergency medical services in the annexation area. The closest EMS ambulance to this area is a peak period unit located at Fire Station #2, at 601 Gillette. A full-time EMS unit is located at Fire Station #25, at 2242 West Southcross. The EMS unit will respond to calls for advanced life support.

The City of San Antonio Fire Department EMS will provide the following emergency and safety services to the annexation area:

- 1 Emergency dispatch, pre-arrival First Aid instructions and coordination of other public safety support agencies
- 2 Emergency paramedic ambulance response

The EMS Division has 26 full time units and averages 6 peak period ambulances per day. A peak period unit is an ambulance that is put into service to cover a specific time period and area based on historical run data.

As part of the Fire Departments EMS response, the fire companies provide first responder service. First responder service involves dispatching a fire unit to respond to a medical emergency. All SAFD firefighters are trained to the basic EMT level. When a critical medical emergency occurs or the paramedic unit is a delayed, the first in Fire Company will respond with first aid, basic life support and defibrillator capabilities.

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The EMS Division has 26 full time units and averages 6 peak period ambulances per day. A peak period unit is an ambulance that is put into service to cover a specific time period and area based on historical run data.

The EMS unit will respond to calls for advanced life support.

The response goal of the EMS division is to maintain an average 6 minute travel time to all calls within the city limits. Through the first 6 months of fiscal year 2004, the average travel time 6.07 minutes.

## Other SAFD Services

The San Antonio Fire Department also provides fire prevention services. These services include fire code enforcement and inspection as well as issuing of permits. In addition to these prevention activities, the Fire Department also operates the Community Resources Office. This office provides fire safety education to school age children with such tools as a mobile fire safety house, which teaches children how to exit a burning building, and a juvenile fire setter intervention program. This program provides counseling to children that have set fires in an effort to modify their behavior as well as giving general presentations to elementary schools.

Our arson investigation unit is staffed with individuals that are highly trained in determining fire cause. These individuals are also sworn police officers and as such have received training in criminal investigation. This unit brings a high level of expertise to investigating, apprehending and convicting criminals that participate in arson related activities.

The Department also has a hazardous materials response team available 24 hours a day. A haz-mat incident that occurs on a roadway near a residential neighborhood can have disastrous effects. This team is highly trained and well equipped to handle any haz-mat problem.

Another service of the Fire Department is the provision of a technical rescue team. This team has been trained in all types of special rescues such as cave rescue, collapsed trench rescues, water rescues, vehicle extrications and many others requiring special expertise and equipment. This team is also staffed and available 24 hours a day.

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## **Solid Waste Services**

The City of San Antonio Environmental Services Department will provide residential solid waste services within this area. Services will be provided by City personnel or by solid waste service providers under contract with the City. Services provided would be at a level equivalent to those provided to residents in the current City limits. Fees for services will be assessed on CPS *Energy* (CPS) utility bills

For the first two years after annexation, residents may choose to either retain their present private service provider or utilize City-provided service. If residents elect to retain private service, City solid waste and brush fees will not be assessed. After two years, all residents, except as noted below, must use and will be billed for City-provided solid waste services.

Planned Unit Developments (PUD's) may elect to either contract directly with private service providers or utilize City-provided service. If private service is desired, City solid waste and brush fees will not be assessed in PUD areas. If City-provided services are desired, the PUD must consent to an indemnity Agreement allowing the City or it's contractor entry onto private streets and exempting the City from liability.

## **Solid Waste Services available for residential units**

- Garbage collection – Residents must provide garbage containers.
- Curbside Recycling Collection – Each home is provided with one 18-gallon bin. Materials currently accepted include: newspaper, tin, steel and aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars and plastic bottles (#1 and #2).
- Brush and Bulky item collection – Collection is provided in accordance with an annual schedule. For an additional fee, residents may schedule special collections.
- Dead Animal collection in the City right-of-way is available upon request.
- Bitters Road Brush Recycling Site, Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Site, Special collection events, such as Free Disposal Days, Dial-A-Trailer and Citywide Cleanup are available to all Solid Waste and Brush Collection ratepayers.

The Environmental Services Department is currently conducting a pilot for automated garbage collection. There are



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six areas encompassing approximately 8,000 homes throughout the city participating. With this pilot, the city provides each home one heavy duty 96-gallon wheeled trash can, which, when set out on collection day, is lifted and emptied by a specially designed truck. Since the container is lifted mechanically, all materials must be inside the container –no materials can be placed outside or alongside the container for collection. Garbage service is provided twice weekly. There is no extra charge for this service.

Upon completion of the pilot, a final report will be presented to City Council. If approval is granted, a citywide implementation plan will be prepared. It is estimated that there will be a five to seven year phase-in period. Due to limitations with street widths, one-way streets, alleys, etc. it is not feasible to service every home in the city using a fully-automated system.

## **Services available for commercial properties**

- Commercial collection for garbage is available by purchasing City-issued bags or stickers. If City-provided commercial service is not desired, businesses may utilize private service providers.
- Collection of dead animals at veterinary clinics is available by purchasing dead animal tags.
- Collection of brush and bulky waste is available on a limited basis. Cost estimates will be provided on a case-by-case basis.

## **Fees**

Fees are set annually by City Council. Current fees for service are described below:

## **Environmental fee**

All properties, residential and nonresidential shall be assessed a monthly environmental services fee of \$1.30 per each electrical meter account, beginning on the date of annexation. This fee is intended to defray municipal expense necessary to cleaning up illegally dumped waste, collecting and disposing of dead animals, performing regulatory maintenance on closed landfills and equitably sharing costs for neighborhood cleanups, benefiting residents and businesses that do not pay monthly solid waste and brush fees.



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## **Garbage collection and brush fees**

Residents will be assessed monthly garbage collection and brush fees on their CPS utility statement. The current monthly fees for garbage and brush are \$9.71 and \$1.20 respectively.

## **Maintenance of Water and Wastewater Facilities**

The San Antonio Water System (SAWS) will maintain and operate the public water and wastewater facilities that are within its certificated service area. Routine standard maintenance of the facilities is performed on a scheduled basis. Emergency maintenance and repairs receive immediate attention, and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The facilities will be maintained and operated in accordance with standard SAWS policies and procedures, and under the provisions of the SAWS Utility Service Regulations for the extension of facilities.

## **Rates**

The average residential customer's bill for water, wastewater, and water supply fee is \$42.19 (Inside City Limits) and \$50.65 (Outside City Limits) (based on 8,500 gallons/mo. water use, standard rates, and 6,500 gallons/mo. winter average).

An [interactive rate calculator](#) - that residential customers can use to see how the changes will affect their bill - is available on SAWS web site at [www.saws.org](http://www.saws.org).

The SAWS rate structure is designed to provide balance between residential and business rates, strengthen conservation pricing for all water users, and establish a supply fee that is uniformly applied to usage by all customers.

The [current](#) rates were approved by City Council at the beginning of January, 2005. SAWS customers, after annexation, will pay the lower Inside City Limit rate as opposed to the Outside City Limit rate. This will amount to an approximate 30% reduction in the average water bill and approximate 20% reduction in the average sewer bill. The rates are set by the City Council and can be amended in the future.

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## **Programs & Rebates**

Through conservation programs such as our Watersaver Landscape rebates, and educational programs that reach out to all citizens of San Antonio, we want to encourage citizens to conserve. These programs are residential and commercial customers.

If you're a homeowner and a SAWS customer, you can get great rebates by taking steps to conserve water. These include installing a watersaver landscape, buying a high-efficiency washing machine and installing an approved hot-water-on-demand system.

With Commercial customers accounting for 10% of the customer base and 40% of SAWS' annual water sales, there is great potential for water savings through our commercial conservation programs. Commercial customers can get great rebates by taking steps to conserve. These programs include Commercial Washing, Large Scale Retrofits, Cooling Tower Audits, Restaurant Certified Water Savers and Golf Fore SA.

Detailed information on these and other programs can be found on the SAWS web site at [www.saws.org](http://www.saws.org)

## **Maintenance of Roads and Streets**

The Street Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department will maintain public streets over which the City has jurisdiction. These services include:

- Emergency pavement repair. The Department's goal is to repair potholes within 48 hours of being reported to the Street Maintenance Division. These services are initiated by contacting the City's 311 system.

Following are the City's adopted goals and performance measures for emergency pavement repair. Service Level Agreement (SLA) is a measure of output and response times to successfully completing service requirements.

FY 2004/2005 Adopted Goal - 98.0% of potholes reported will be repaired within 48 hours.

FY 2003/2004 - 97.0% within 48 hours (SLA)

FY 2002/2003 - 95.5% within 48 hours (SLA)

FY 2001/2002 - 94.4% within 48 hours (SLA)

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- Guard Post and Guard Rail Maintenance. The Department's goal is to repair damaged Guard Posts and Guard Rails within 60 days of being reported to the Street Maintenance Division. These services are initiated by contacting the City's 311 system.

Following are the City's adopted goals and performance measures for guard post and guard rail maintenance;

- FY 2004/2005 Adopted Goal - 75% of flex beam service requests will be repaired within 45 days (SLA).
  - Year to date performance in FY 2004/2005 - 100% within 45 days SLA)
  - Actual Performance in FY 2003/2004 - 73.9% within 45 days (SLA)
  - Actual performance in FY 2002/2003 - 63.4% within 45 days (SLA)
- Ice and snow monitoring of City of San Antonio Bridge infrastructure, major thoroughfares, Public Facilities, and Downtown sidewalks.
  - Preventative street maintenance. Preventative maintenance activities are conducted upon approval and identification of funding by City Council to include crack seal, chip seal coat, slurry seal, and Asphalt overlay and other structural treatments;

Following are steps undertaken for Street Maintenance Project selection and adoption of the Street Maintenance Program:

- 1) Street Maintenance Program Coordinated with City Council in Fall and early Winter 2004
- 2) Pavement Management System
- 3) City Council Requests
  - a) Citizen Request
    - i) Blue-Blazers
    - ii) 311 and other modes of Communication
    - iii) Neighborhood Sweep Program
    - iv) Neighborhood Meetings
  - b) Staff Evaluation
  - c) Improvement by utilities
  - d) Resource Maximization

## Pavement Management System (PMS)

- 1) PMS is used to perform a variety of engineering and planning functions. These include forecasting future network pavement condition and costs associated with implementing various pavement repair strategies.
    - a) The PMS is an integral component of our Infrastructure Management process:
      - i) Know your system - What is the state of the existing infrastructure
      - ii) Where are we going? What are the future infrastructure needs?
      - iii) What are the current and future unmet needs?
      - iv) How do we close the resource gap? What are the priorities?
      - v) What is the program? How will the needs be funded?
  - 2) The system provides users with necessary analytical tools to define realistic long-term goals, based on projected investment levels.
  - 3) PMS goals:
    - a) Provide smooth pavement surfaces
    - b) Extend life of streets
    - c) Improve skid resistance for safety
    - d) Eliminate potholes
    - e) Reduce street repair costs
    - f) Respond to public demand for quality streets
- Repair / maintenance of public streets on an as-needed basis. Repair maintenance operations include pothole repair, filling depressions (level up), spot surface replacement, and spot full-depth repair. These services are initiated by contacting the City's 311 system.
  - The Street Maintenance Division constructs curbs, sidewalks, driveways, curb ramps and other street infrastructure in accordance with the City of San Antonio and the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards. Projects are selected and funded by the City Council on a citywide basis upon availability of funding and scheduled based on workforce capacity under the Neighborhood Access and Mobility Program (NAMP) as approved by City Council.

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## **Neighborhood Access and Mobility Program (NAMP) -**

Currently base funding is \$200,000 per Council District in FY 2004-2005.

- 1) The Neighborhood Access and Mobility Program was designed to help neighborhoods control traffic speed and provide mobility for pedestrians
  - 2) Solutions adopted
    - a) Sidewalks for Pedestrian Traffic
    - b) Speed Humps for Vehicular Traffic
    - c) Traffic Improvements
    - d) School Flashers
  - 3) Cost Responsibility
    - a) Sidewalks and other pedestrian mobility improvements:
      - i) Material costs for sidewalk installation may be funded (including signs, pavement markings and retaining walls). Operating costs for labor and equipment are scheduled costs and not included in cost estimates.
      - ii) Approx. 85% of programmed NAMP funding targeted for Sidewalk construction.
    - b) Speed Humps
      - i) The contract cost for speed hump installation (including signs, pavement markings and retaining walls) may be funded from the NAMP fund.
      - ii) For a street located in a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) eligible area, the cost responsibility of the residents is zero percent, regardless of how much the measured speed exceeds the speed criteria.
      - iii) The cost for transportation engineering studies is the responsibility of the City.
      - iv) Approx. 15% of programmed funding is targeted for Speed Hump installation.
- Barricade Services. The Street Maintenance Division performs Barricading Service for emergency issues twenty-four (24) hours a day, three-hundred sixty-five (365) days per year. Vehicular and pedestrian hazards are barricaded immediately. Requests for service and/or necessary action is reported and monitored through the 311 System.

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Preventative maintenance projects are planned within a five-year plan, prioritized on a citywide basis and scheduled based on a variety of factors, including surface condition (distresses), ride-ability (smoothness), age, traffic volume, functional classification, public input, coordination of projects with utilities / school districts, and available funding as approved by City Council. Repair maintenance will match surfaces to existing overlay in terms of safety, durability and ride-ability (smoothness).

Following are performance measures for preventive maintenance projects:

- Base and Pavement Repairs - 75% within 60-day SLA
- Street Bleeding/Seeping - 75% within 10-day SLA
- Street Cracking - 75% within 10-day SLA
- Street Scabbing/Peeling - 75% within 10-day SLA
- Utility Trench failure (Storm Water) - 75% within 10-day SLA
- Garbage/Service Alley repairs - 75% within 60-day SLA

All information (requests for service) collected is investigated, evaluated and programmed for appropriate action. Repairs are scheduled and response data collected for performance measurement reporting. Additionally, this information is used as project criteria as identified in the project selection criteria bullet listed above.

If necessary, the Public Works Department will provide regulatory signage services in the annexation area. Traffic signal, stop and all other regulatory studies are conducted in conjunction with growth of traffic volumes. Traffic signs, signals, and markings are installed in conformance with the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Faded, vandalized, or missing signs are replaced as needed. "CALL BACK" service provided 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for emergency repair of critical regulatory signs. The Department's current goal is for critical regulatory signs to be repaired within 72 hours of being reported to the Transportation Division. Requests for signage should be called into 311. On average, emergency sign replacements are closed in TSPW in 2.29 days. 81% of requests were closed out within 72 hours.

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For major arterials and collectors, the repainting of street markings is on a twelve to fifteen month frequency. All improved intersections and roadways are striped in conformance with the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. All roadways are re-striped and remarked as needed.

## Streetlighting

City Public Service will maintain public street lighting in accordance with Sec. 43.056 (b)(6) Texas Local Government Code and the City's policies. Upon annexation, the City will assume the cost of electricity for public streetlights.

## Maintenance of Parks, Playgrounds, and Swimming Pools

There are currently no publicly owned parks, playgrounds or swimming pools in the annexation area. Current parks that serve the immediate area:

**Medina River Park.** This newly opened 362 acre park facility is on the east side of Highway 16 at the Medina River. The park improvements recently completed include a park entrance, parking area, covered pavilion, rest rooms, park headquarters, sidewalks, trailhead, and several miles of hiking and biking trails. The park also has a group camping area on the south side of the River available by reservation only. The bulk of the property was known as the Applewhite property, and was transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department in 2002. Two grants made the land acquisition and the development of the park possible.

The park will eventually be linked to properties to the east in the area now known as City South. The linear park will encompass greenbelts and trails of over ten miles in length connecting the park to the Land Heritage Institute, Toyota, Mitchell Lake, and on to the San Antonio River essentially linking this area to the downtown area. This project is currently funded and is scheduled for completion in 2007.

All recreation classes and facilities are available for use by any interested individual, to include sports leagues, recreation centers, swimming pools, and classes.

Maintenance responsibilities for publicly owned parks in annexed areas are the responsibility of the City. Any



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proposed or existing privately owned parks, playgrounds, swimming pools, recreational facilities and common spaces in the annexation area are the responsibility of the property owner(s).

## **Maintenance of Any Other Publicly Owned Facility, Building, or Service**

Should the City acquire any other facilities, buildings, or services necessary for municipal services located within the annexation area, an appropriate City department will provide maintenance services for them.

## **2. ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

### **Code Compliance**

The Code Compliance Department enforces City codes and regulations to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the community. Current enforcement is provided to the following and is not limited to:

- Vacant dangerous premises and structures
- Junked vehicles
- Weeded vacant lots
- Zoning (Unified Development Code)
- Noise
- Illegal dumping
- Minimum housing, including unsanitary premises
- Front yard parking
- Water & sewer
- Livestock
- Alley and right-of-way violations
- Water leaks or discharges of wastewater on private or public property
- Monthly inspections of salvage/junk yards
- Monitoring and enforcing materials received at salvage/junk yards
- Enforcement of Garage sale permits

The Code and ordinances enforced by this department are subject to changes by the City Council.

### **Zoning**

The Southside Initiative Expansion Area, annexed effective August 1, 2004, for limited purposes, shall adhere to the zoning classifications as set out in accordance with City's Land Use Plan developed for the Southside Initiative Areas in the City South Community Plan. If you have any zoning

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questions, please call 207-0170.

## **Building Permits**

Incomplete construction must obtain all applicable building permits and inspections from the Development Services Department in accordance with current City codes. For new residential construction, or incomplete construction or remodeling, building permits are required for any work to continue with the construction. The permit fees for incomplete construction will be pro-rated depending on the percentage on construction. For new commercial construction, incomplete construction indicates that final approval has not been obtain from Bexar County. Please note that inspections and permits are required for the following areas including but not limited to building, mechanical, plumbing, electric, fire, traffic, drainage, sidewalks, irrigation, tree and landscape. Other field inspections may be applicable for new commercial construction depending on the specific use and or location of the project. Building permits may be applied for at 1901 South Alamo. The Development and Business Services Center has been created to assist the public in any development questions that relate to development permits and small business services. All questions about commercial building permits should call 207-5500, while questions regarding residential building permits should call 207-8394.

## **Certificate of Occupancy**

New and existing businesses must obtain a Certificate of Occupancy and related licenses required by City code from the Development Services Department, Health Department, and/or City Tax Office. In Accordance with the 2003 International Building Code, no person may occupy a building or a space without first obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy from the Building Official. Certificates of Occupancy may be applied for at the Development and Business Services Center, 1901 South Alamo.

## **Nonconforming rights**

To establish nonconforming rights, property owners with existing land uses are encourage to register within one year of the annexation date with the Development Services Department. . Uses that existed legally prior to annexation, generally become nonconforming after annexation because of the new zoning classification placed on the land. You may register for nonconforming rights at 1901 South Alamo. Registration of your legal nonconforming uses allows you to

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apply for a Certificate of Occupancy. Upon the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, you may continue the legal nonconforming uses that existed prior to annexation. A Certificate of Occupancy will be issued certifying only those uses required by applicable City and State codes. Unless exempted by Chapter 43, of the Texas Local Government Code, nonconforming rights to allow future construction of the development of a master plan must be filed within 60 days of annexation, with the Development Services Department in accordance with the Unified Development Code (UDC).

Certain services, in addition to the above services, will be provided within the annexation area. They are as follows:

## **Storm Water Utility Services**

Storm water services are fee-based. Fees are assessed based on Customer Classification (Residential, Multifamily, Public, and Commercial). Within each Customer Classification are tiers based on size of the parcel. For example, the average residential fee is \$3.08 per month and the fee for a commercial site less than .5 acres is \$13.26 per month. This fee is collected through either the San Antonio Water System or Bexar Met billing system. Services are currently provided by the Utility, in accordance with the Utility's approved business plan and as limited by applicable codes, laws, ordinances and special agreements.

In 2003, revenue backed bonds were acquired providing capacity for approximately \$45 million in regional capital improvements. Twenty-one projects were funded to provide for flood recovery efforts, storm water infrastructure recapitalization, major storm water outfalls, low water crossing mitigation, removal of residential structures from the 100-year floodplain, and other regional storm water facilities. As additional capacity is achieved, more projects will be executed providing the community with a higher level of flood control and surface water quality.

These services are scheduled by the Utility however concerns or questions regarding these services can be addressed by contacting the City's non-emergency number #311. Needed regional storm water capital improvements are prioritized on a citywide watershed basis. Local drainage capital improvements are prioritized on a watershed and

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council district basis.

## **Open Waterway Maintenance**

Inspection and maintenance of rivers, creeks and improved drainage channels. Maintenance includes de-silting and re-grading of improved channels, natural waterway and creek maintenance, removal of debris from drainage ways and low water crossings. Mow improved channels in public rights-of-ways three (3) times per fiscal year.

## **Surface Maintenance**

Sweep residential streets two (2) times per year, arterial and collector streets 4 times per year.

Remove fallen trees that are blocking streets. Applications of herbicide for weed control to street gutter lines, drainage ways and medians. Inspect and maintain as necessary medians 20 times per year.

## **Tunnel Operations**

Replacement and cleaning of underground drainage pipes. Also, repair and cleaning storm drainage inlets. Maintain and operate high water detection system and flood control structures.

## **Engineering**

Comprehensive watershed management. Implement mitigation plans for identified flooding problems, as funding is made available. Floodplain management. Coordinate with Development Services Department to ensure new development and redevelopment complies with the watershed master plan. Respond promptly and effectively to drainage concerns by the citizens.

## **Library Services**

Residents of the **Southside Initiative Expansion Area** are nearest to the following library service:

- Cortez Branch - 2803 Hunter Boulevard

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The Cortez Branch Library provides the following services:

Library materials for adults, young adults and children including books, periodicals, compact disks, DVD, videos, audiobooks, and electronic books.

Programming for adults, young adults and children such as regularly scheduled story times, book discussion groups and other topics of interest to the community.

Access to the Internet, databases and other computer programs.

Professional staff to assist library customers with reference and reader's advisory questions.

Public meeting room space.

## Health Department Services

The Health Department currently provides a wide range of services to this annexation area. Upon annexation, the following additional services will be available.

- Investigation of public health related complaints including food borne illness, recreational water quality, and public swimming pools and spas, and investigation of toxic exposures.
- Enforcement of the City's smoking in public places ordinance and the minor's access to tobacco ordinance;
- Investigation of reported elevated blood levels in children;
- Access to community health clinics;
- Medical Assistance Program benefits;

Newly annexed would received new and additional services that are not medically related. They include the following:

- Animal Control - Currently areas in unincorporated Bexar County share animal control services with four officers assigned for the entire County. There are three districts staffed with one officer each and one officer working as a floater.
  - Once annexed they would be part of a specifically dedicated Animal Control District for the specific area
- Once annexed, these areas would be regulated for the keeping of livestock like any other area within the City.
- Vector Control - Currently Bexar County performs some spraying on a seasonal basis
  - SAMHD would provide year round services for

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- mosquito spraying, rodent control and disease surveillance for mosquito acquired diseases
- Food & Environmental Services - Currently Bexar County receives environmental health services from SAMHD for licensing of Food Establishments
  - SAMHD would provide additional services for oversight of day care centers, semi-public swimming pools, air quality permits and livestock issues.

## Other Services

All other City Departments with jurisdiction in the area will provide services according to City policy and procedure.

## 3. Capital Improvements Program

The City will initiate the construction of capital improvements as may be necessary for providing municipal services to the annexation area. The timing for the construction of capital projects that may be necessary for the delivery of municipal services will be done in accordance with the requirements of Subchapter C of Chapter 43, Local Government Code.

Each component of the Capital Improvement Program is subject to the City providing the related service directly. In the event that the related service is provided through a contract service provider, the capital improvement may not be constructed or acquired by the City but may be provided by the contract provider. The City may also lease buildings in lieu of construction of any necessary buildings.

Police Protection: No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide Police services

Fire Protection: No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide Fire services.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS): No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide EMS services

Solid Waste Collection: No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide solid waste collection services

Roads and Streets: No newly constructed road or street related capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide services

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Parks, Playgrounds and Swimming Pools: There are no capital improvements necessary at this time to provide services.

Capital Improvements Planning: the annexation area will be included with other territory within the municipality in connection with planning for new or expanded facilities and/or services.

All other capital improvements will be considered through the 6 Year Capital Budget that represents the City's long-range physical infrastructure development and improvement plan. Major funding sources are General Obligation Bonds, Certificates of Obligation, Storm Water Revenue Bonds, and Community Development Block Grants as applicable. Capital projects are placed in inventory by the City Council person through input from neighborhood plans, community association, neighborhood requests and other community processes.

## **Amendment: Governing Law**

This Plan may not be amended or repealed except as provided by the Texas Local Government Code or other controlling law. Neither changes in the methods or means of implementing any part of the service programs nor changes in the responsibilities of the various departments of the City shall constitute amendments to this Plan, and the City reserves the right to make such changes. This Plan is subject to and shall be interpreted in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and the State of Texas, the Texas Local Government Code, and the orders, rules and regulations of governmental bodies and officers having jurisdiction.

## **Force Majeure**

In case of an emergency, such as force Majeure as that term is defined in this Plan, in which the City is forced to temporarily divert its personnel and resources away from the annexation area for humanitarian purposes or protection of the general public, the City obligates itself to take all reasonable measures to restore services to the annexation area of the level described in this Plan as soon as possible. Force Majeure shall include, but not be limited to, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, war, blockages, insurrection, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, tornadoes, hurricanes, arrest and restraint of government, explosions, collisions and other inability of the City, whether similar to those enumerated or otherwise, which is not within the control of the City. Unavailability or shortage of funds shall not constitute Force Majeure for purposes of this Plan.

## **Summary of the Water and Wastewater Utility Service Regulations 2003**

The following information is a summary of the SAWS Utility Service Regulations for the extension of water and/or wastewater facilities as incorporated by reference in the latest version of the Unified Development Code, in conformance with the Texas Local



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Government Code requirement that the Plan have a summary of the service extension policy (SAWS USR).

Water and wastewater service is only provided to lots that have been properly subdivided and platted or are a legal lot. For property that is required by subdivision regulations to construct water or wastewater facilities connecting to the SAWS system, funding and construction of those facilities will remain the responsibility of the developer. If the specific undeveloped property does not have SAWS water or wastewater service fronting the property, the owner may make an application for an extension of service to SAWS Director of Infrastructure Development Department for review. If the Director determines that adequate capacity is available, or will be and if the project does not include SAWS cost participation or reimbursement, and if the proposed facilities are a logical extension of SAWS water and/or wastewater system and the requested extension meets the requirements of SAWS Utility Service Regulations, the extension size, capacity, and routing may be approved by the Director. Funding and construction of the facilities will be the responsibility of the developer.

Depending on the size of the new facilities and other conditions, with SAWS Board of Trustees approval, SAWS may reimburse the developer for a portion of the cost of constructing certain facilities. With Board approval, SAWS may reimburse costs associated with the oversize capacity of water and wastewater mains. The actual calculation of the cost participation and reimbursement amounts, including limits and the schedules for the payments, are included in SAWS Utility Service Regulations as incorporated by reference in the UDC.

For lots that have water or wastewater lines in the street fronting the lot, the owner may receive water or wastewater service by applying for a tap permit and paying any required fees. The new customers will be required to pay the impact fees and all connection fees.

Should a property be served by a septic system: The property owner remains responsible for the operation and maintenance of the septic system. If the septic system fails, the property owner must repair the system or pay to extend SAWS wastewater facilities to the property, if unavailable. Under certain circumstances the City of San Antonio Health Department and/or applicable regulatory agency for septic tanks may require the property owner to connect to SAWS public wastewater facilities.

This policy is set by the City Council and can be amended in the future by ordinance.